Introduction of cashew nut for income security for poor farmers in Northern Uganda

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- **Main innovation / aim and objective**
  - **Aim:** Integration of the cashew nut tree as a perennial cash crop by enhancing smallholder cashew nut production and productivity by introducing, developing and maintaining cashew varieties with desirable traits, adapted to various agro-ecologies and acceptable to international markets as an additional source of income for the livelihoods of poor farmers.
  - **Objective:** Contribute to food, nutrition and farmer income security.
  - **Method:** Farmer participatory research on the introduction of high yielding and adapted cashew varieties – finding good genes and develop seed stands/ A value chain analysis on the entire chain from production to marketing will position the market opportunity/ The knowledge and experience will be generated in a participative way with the target group and sustained by institutional networks
  - **Expected impact:** Increase in food production and income security at 5.000 farmers in Northern and Eastern Uganda with an estimated total income of 1million Euro per 5 years after the end of the project
  - **Impact activities : 153,000 cashew nut seedling produced and planted by 2,780 farmers, one seed multiplication centre established in Aloi 21 demonstration centers' established ,3 trainings for staffs/CSOs and farmers conducted and   cashew value chain analysis to be conducted in October**

Opportunities and Challenges

Government programs and CSOs and farmers wiliness to support the project

Lack of seeds to increase production and Research currently seeds are bought from Tanzania